No, Sir. The procedure in vogue in Life Insurance Corporation of India for deducting the premia from the salaries of the employees concerned (before or after transfer) under its Salary Savings Scheme works satisfactorily and prevents lapses **to a** great extent.

(e) Does not arise.

Missing record on appointment of Direc. tors in some undertakings under Ministry of Textiles

852. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3394 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th September, 1990, and state:

(a) what efforts were made to find out the contents of the missing records relating to appointments of directors in some undertakings of h's Ministry and whether any inquiry was made by the vigilance organisation or CBI to fix responsibility about the missing records, from Government files;

(b) whethe$_r$ the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet had earlier not approved the first candidate, whose records are missing, listed in PESB's approved panel for the post of director and in that event whether it was not incumbent either on the concerned Minister or the ACC to consider the other names in the same panel;

(c) whether the decision not to consi der other names in the panel was taken at the level of bureaucracy;

(d) whether the appointed director has been still on probation; and

(e) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YA-DAV): (a) All efforts were made to locate the missing papers. N_0 inquiry has been made by the vigilance organisation or CBI in the matter. However, **a** Departmental enquiry is being ordered to fix responsibility about the missing records.

(b) and (c) The proceedings of the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet are confidential in nature and cannot, therefore, be divulged in public interest.

(d) and (e) The performance of the concerned officer has been submitted for review.

Modernisation, of work of Bengal Fine Spinning and Weaving Mills Limited, Calcutta

853. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer toi Unstarred Question NO. 2599 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th August, 1990 and state:

(a) whether the investment on the mo-dernisation work of BFS&W Mills, Calcutta has now been utilised;

(b) if not, what is the total amount of accumulated loss of interest on the in-vestment;

(c) whether the decision for modernisation was taken by the NTC Limited (Holding Company) on or about 31st October, 1979 and in pursuance thereof the contract was awarded on or about February, 1981;

(d) whether the contract was termina ted twice for want of funds;

(e) whether the total value of the con tract was only Rs. 21 lakhs;

Of) whether the termination of the contract by NTC (WBABO) Limited, Calcutta would attract penal provisions under the Contract Act; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY (SHRt HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) the investment already mads is proposed to be utilised during the implementation of the proposed restructuring pro. gramme of the mill.

(b) The investment is in the form of equity. Hence, there is no interest loss involved.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The contact was terminated not only for want of funds but also due to the failure on the part of the contractor to execute the job on time.

(e) The total value of the job was Rs. 21. 87 lakhs

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

Fiscal reliefs ito sick units

854. SHR] SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any change in Gov ernment's policy about providing of fiscal relief to sick units; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIG-VIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The Excise Relief Scheme for weak industrial units was further liberalised in September, 1990. Under the liberalisation, eligible units would be granted an interest-free excise loan upto 50 per cent of the Excise Duty actually paid for the next 5 years from the date Of finalisation of a rehabilitation package subject to a ceiling of 33 per cent of the overall *QGM* of package. The units should fulfil the following conditions:

(i) BIFR recommends the relief as a part of a rehabilitation package ap-provKiI by them.

(ii) 1000 or more employees are engaged by the sick units.

(iii) Substantial sacrifices on the part of State Governments) and financial r institutions are also involved.

Fiscal reliefs to sick units

855. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN- V/il| the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern ment are thinking in terms of extending more fiscal relief to sick units soon;

(b) if so, whether Bengal Potteries, Bengal Immunities Titaga: h Paper Mills and Cycle Corporation of India are like ly to get some fiscal relief; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons there for?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN TH_E MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVf-JAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Government are not currently contemplating any changes i_n the Excise Relief Scheme for weak industrial units. Relief in terms of the current scheme will be available to Tita-garh Paper Mills. Relief to Bengal Potteries, Bengal Immunities and Cycle Corporation of India could be considered within the parameters laid down under the scheme, as and when specific proposals are received by Government from the Designated Financial Institutions concerned.

Counter trade with Bofors

856. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's assessment about the benefit that have so far accrued to the country as a result Of the counter trade deal with Bofors; and